

Memorandum

TO: 2011-2012 Governor's Scholars Guidance Counselor

FROM: Aris Cedeño, Executive Director

RE: Governor's Scholars Program Application & Selection Training

DATE: April 10, 2011

The Governor's Scholars Program (GSP) is grateful to count on the outstanding service that high school Guidance Counselors continue to provide to the academically-talented students who have become Governor's Scholars and have experienced the extraordinary community of learners and leaders on the GSP campuses since the Program's inception in 1983. All of us associated with the GSP recognize the pivotal role that you play in raising awareness about the Program, assisting students as they complete their applications, and coordinating the school-wide GSP selection process.

This year, in recognition of all that you do for the Governor's Scholars Program, we would like to offer you a valuable professional development opportunity at no cost to you. We will be hosting special training sessions just for Guidance Counselors to equip you with all of the information, tips, and tricks that you need to help your juniors compile their best possible GSP applications. These workshops will take place on each of the three GSP campuses as follows:

Bellarmino University Campus	Louisville	Wednesday, July 6th, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. EDT
Murray State University Campus	Murray	Wednesday, July 13th, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. CDT
Centre College Campus	Danville	Wednesday, July 20th, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. EDT

During each session, Guidance Counselors will have the opportunity to work closely with GSP staff who understand the nuances of the GSP application and the complexities of the state-level selection process. In addition to discussing students' best strategies for success and offering detailed instructions and examples related to each section of the application, the GSP staff members will field questions related to student recruitment, selection at the school and district levels, the statewide selection process, campus and focus area assignments, and the GSP experience as a whole. **In short, the purpose of this professional development opportunity is to equip you to ensure that your high school will be as well-represented as possible in the 2012 Governor's Scholars Program.**

Each session will begin at 1:00 p.m. local time and conclude by no later than 3:00 p.m. In addition to the Application and Selection Training, you will have the opportunity to enjoy light refreshments. Depending on their class schedule and activities, you may even get to mingle with any student(s) from your high school who are participating in the Program on that campus. Detailed agendas, driving directions, and other information for attendees will be posted on the GSP website, www.gsp.ky.gov, in mid-June.

Please return the enclosed RSVP form by Friday, June 3rd, to express your intent to attend. If you have any questions or need any further information, please contact Jerri Seeders in the GSP Frankfort Office at 502-573-1618 or via the GSP website (www.gsp.ky.gov).

We sincerely hope to see you on one of the GSP campuses this summer!